



## **Draft Virginia City Strategic Plan Needs Public Input**

The Montana Heritage Commission recently prepared a draft Strategic Plan that, when adopted, will guide their activities for the next five years. Governor Brian Schweitzer, noted that "Strategic Plans are needed for any organization to make progress. We hope that the public will take a look at this draft, ponder what they want for the future of Alder Gulch, and give the Commission their comments. We need public participation to make this a viable document."

The draft plan tries to define a vision for the Commission's properties, and revises the Mission Statement. The Commission proposes that it will focus on six areas for the next five years. These include Funding, Preservation and Maintenance, Education and Interpretation, Partnerships and Relationships, Marketing and Public Relations, and Governance and Internal Structure. Mary Oliver, Chair of the Commission, said that "These focus areas were defined by a lengthy process in two public meetings. We know that many Montanans love Virginia City and are interested in its future. I hope that the public will let us know their thoughts and participate in this important process."

A copy of the draft plan may be seen on the Montana Heritage Commission website ([www.virginiacitymt.com](http://www.virginiacitymt.com)). Please see [Draft Strategic Plan 2006](#). Copies of the draft plan are also available by calling 406-449-6688.

Written public comments will be accepted until Friday, 2nd June 2006. The Commission will also accept public comments at their 9th June 2006 Commission meeting in Virginia City.